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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1304

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 8, 2007

BILL AMENDED: Feb 7, 2006

SUBJECT: Academic Standards Tested on ISTEP.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Cheatham

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the Department of Education to provide each school that administers ISTEP tests with information concerning which state academic standards will be tested and the number of questions that will be asked concerning each standard.

The bill requires the Department to develop guidelines and the State Board of Education to adopt rules that describe the statistical analysis methods used to determine: (1) whether a school corporation or school fails to meet a target ISTEP score or improvement rate, and (2) whether the margin by which the school corporation or school failed to meet the target ISTEP scores or improvement rates falls outside normal random statistical variation from the target scores or improvement rates.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Summary-* The Department of Education would require additional expenditures for printing and postage to send paper copies of the academic standards to all schools participating in ISTEP. However, the academic standards are currently available on the Department's website in Adobe and Word format.

The Department of Education would also be required to develop guidelines and State Board of Education adopt rules that describe the statistical analysis methods used to determine the following information:

1. Whether a school corporation or school fails to meet a target ISTEP score or improvement rate.
2. Whether the margin by which the school corporation or school failed to meet the target ISTEP scores or improvement rates falls outside normal random statistical variation.

The expenses for the development of the guidelines and adoption of rules is minor and can be done within the existing budget.

Background: The Office of the Superintendent had \$27,079 and the Center for School Assessment had \$257,547 in printing and binding expenditures in FY 2006. The Department of Education reverted \$3.3 M to the state General Fund at the close of FY 2006.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Indiana State Budget Agency: *FY 2006 Close-Out General Fund Reversion Summary*/ Auditor's Database; www.doe.state.in.us/standards/welcome2.html.

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